

**Agriculture reform scheme**

†\*46. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to implement necessary agriculture reform scheme keeping in view the tendency of suicides by farmers in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reform programmes to be included in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The Government have taken several initiatives to improve the agricultural production and productivity so as to enhance the income to the farmers. These include enhancing institutional credit flow to the farmers and strengthening of cooperative credit structure; ensuring the timely availability of quality inputs; promoting farmer friendly, demand driven agriculture extension system; accelerating diversification to high value crops including horticulture activities; strengthening infrastructure and the supply chain; optimizing the efficient utilization of available water resources through micro irrigation and enhancing the sustainability of dry-land/rain fed farming system; reforming agricultural markets, and widespread use of post harvest technology; and putting in place a broader spectrum of risk management apparatus for farmers.

**Controlling dengue and chikungunya**

\*47. SHRIAMAR SINGH:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dengue and chikungunya cases reported in the Capital during the last three months;

(b) the number of patients suffering from these diseases and actually admitted in Government hospitals in the Capital and how many of them died during that period;

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